

RULES OF THE SENIOR CUP COMPETITION

1. The first teams of all Senior Clubs affiliated to this Association, must compete in the competition with the exception of teams and players competing at Step 4 and above in National League System wherein a Reserve team may compete.
2. Every Club shall play its best available and recognised team in all competition matches.
- 3a. All entries must be sent to the Chief Executive on or before the 31st May accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
- 3b. Clubs entering this Competition must at the time of sending in their affiliation form provide evidence that they have current insurance cover for their players.
4. The competition to be run on the Knock-out principle. The following exemptions shall apply:
 - a. Clubs in membership with the South West Peninsula League shall receive exemption until the second round.
 - b. All other clubs eligible to participate shall commence from the Preliminary Round (if required) or Round 1 except that Byes as considered appropriate shall be drawn in the first round.
- 5a. In each round the County Association shall make the draw and the Chief Executive of the Association shall intimate to each of the Clubs the name of the Club against which it is drawn and the date on which the tie is to be played. The game shall be played on the ground of the first named Club, except in the Semi-Finals and Final. The dates of the rounds and the times of kick off shall be fixed by the County Association before the commencement of each season. The County Association may after two postponements or any postponements thereafter order a fixture to be reversed.
- 5b. When the Clubs shall have been reduced to four in number two semi-finals shall be played on neutral grounds to be fixed by the County Association. The semi finals may be played under floodlights. If the

scores are level at the end of 90 minutes, extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played. If the scores are still level the tie shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks as per F.I.F.A. instructions. In all these matches the County Association is to make all arrangements, take all receipts and pay all expenses.

The two semi-final winners shall compete for the County Senior Cup on Easter Monday in each year on a neutral ground, a set of 16 Trophies to be provided for each team in the final. The final shall be played to a conclusion on the day. If the scores are level after 90 minutes,

- NO extra time shall be played,
- the tie shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks as per F.I.F.A. instructions.

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6. All matches to last 90 minutes, 45 minutes each way. If from any cause over which neither club has control, a match is not played to its conclusion, the match shall be replayed on the same ground or in the event of any match not being played on the date arranged through the ground being declared unfit by the Referee the match shall be played on the same ground on the following Wednesday, where the host club has floodlights or the following Saturday where the host club does not. Teams may mutually agree to play on any other day during the following week where the host club has floodlights.
7. In all matches the first charge on the gate is Referee's and Assistant Referees' fees and expenses. The home Club shall make all arrangements and be entitled to the net Gate and are responsible for providing the ground without charge. In the event of a dispute the decision of the County Association shall be binding on both parties. No one shall be admitted to matches in this competition without paying the admission charges. A Club unable to make a charge for admission shall play its matches on the ground of its opponents or as the County Association may decide.

8. Glasses, glass bottles, or cans containing alcohol are NOT permitted outside of the clubhouse and must not be brought into grounds. No alcohol is to be consumed in the ground or premises during the match, except as may be governed by the terms of the club licence with regards to its own members, but notwithstanding such, no alcohol is to be taken or consumed outside the licensed clubhouse or any other authorised area during such match period or brought into the ground.
9. In the case of replays being ordered for breach of Rules in Rounds prior to the semi-finals the first charge on the gate shall be the Referee's and Assistant Referees' expenses, then the expenses of the non-offending team. Any surplus shall be paid to the non-offending team.
10. Any Club failing to play on the appointed date without showing a good and sufficient cause for such a failure shall be struck out of the competition and be liable to any further penalty which the County Association shall determine.
11. Qualifications of players: The Competition shall be open to all classes of players.
12. Registration of Players. In ALL Rounds of ALL County Competitions a player shall be a 'registered and recognised playing member of his Team'. A registered member is one who is registered with the League in which his Team competes in the current season. A recognised playing member is one who has actually played in a recognised League or Cup game for the Team in the current season.

A player may only play for ONE Team in each category of Football in Open Aged County Competitions. Categories of Football: All Saturday, All Sunday, All Womens.

A player with a written contract having had his registration cancelled by The Football Association shall not be granted a transfer unless the said form bears the signatures of the two Club Secretaries. A player with a written contract having had his or her registration cancelled by The Football Association ceases to be a member of that Club from the date

of the cancellation. The Club Secretary must at once notify the Chief Executive of the date of the cancellation. Should the player wish to play again he or she must complete new registration forms for all competitions. A service player having signed for a civilian club shall not assist his or her Unit in the same competition without having been transferred.

All players must, by the last day of February, be eligible to compete in future rounds of the Cup Competition in the current season. No player shall be eligible to participate in the Final match of this Competition unless he has played in at least three matches for that Team during the current Season in any Competitions in which the Team normally competes. A player who has been a registered member of a Team for the current season, but has not played in the three requisite matches, may be permitted to assist that Team in the Final, providing he has not played for any other Team, either in friendly or competitive matches, during the said season.

Clubs desirous of signing on and playing players of HM Forces in competitions of this Association must comply with the Football Association Rule as contained in the FA Handbook and registration forms of service players must be endorsed by Club Secretaries to the effect that the Rule has been complied with and the permit, together with the date of application to the Service Authority shall be sent to the Chief Executive for his notation. Note: Players should be warned that it is a serious offence to play for more than one Team. Written contracts signed on a Sunday are not valid and it is an offence for a club to induce a player to sign for that day.

13. Should a player play for more than one Team he shall be guilty of misconduct and liable to be dealt with as the County Association may determine. Such player shall be deemed a member of a Team for which he is first registered. It shall be the duty of all clubs to notify the Chief Executive in writing of any case in which this Rule is known to be

infringed. Failure to notify shall be so dealt with as the County Association may determine.

14. In the case of infringements of Rules 12 and 13 the match shall be awarded to the club against which an ineligible player has played.
15. If a Club satisfies the County Association that Rule 13 has been infringed in good faith and without knowledge of a player having previously signed for another Club, the County Association may order a match or matches to be replayed. If in the opinion of the County Association, Rule 13 was infringed with the knowledge of the Secretary of a Club, the game shall be awarded to its opponents and such other punishment imposed as the County Association may determine.
16. After the conclusion of each competition match the Secretary of each club shall send to the Chief Executive within three days (Sundays excluded) the official form containing a list of its players, the result of the match certified by the Referee and a club marking of the Referee. Clubs failing to comply with this will be fined £10.00. Should clubs intentionally submit a wrong or false name, such Club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and be dealt with as the County Association may determine.
17. All matches shall start not later than the FIXED TIME, 2.00pm unless floodlights are available. The Referees and Clubs shall report all cases of late start and Clubs or Referees failing to supply a satisfactory explanation shall be liable to a fine. In the event of any match not being completed in accordance with Rules 5 and 6 the Club responsible for such late start shall replay the match on its opponent's ground and shall not be entitled to any share of the gate receipts, except travelling expenses.
18. Protests and appeals must be intimated to the Referee and the Captain of the competing Clubs at the time violation takes place (except violations covered by Rules 12 and 13 relative to qualification of players) and must be lodged in duplicate within three days thereof with the Chief Executive, accompanied by a deposit of £10.00. Any objections relating

to ground, goal posts, bar, or other matters appertaining to the game must be lodged with the Referee before the start of the game.

19. Protests as to the eligibility of players must be lodged with the Chief Executive within 3 days (Sundays excluded) of the alleged breach. Protests to be in duplicate and accompanied with a deposit of £10. The Chief Executive shall check the team sheets and report to the Club or Clubs concerned any breaches discovered within four days of the receipt of team sheet. When a club appeals to the County Association and the appeal, is as demanded by Cup Rules 18 and 19, accompanied by a deposit of £10 representatives of the Club or Clubs involved may be summoned to a meeting of the County Association to state their case when the appeal is being considered. The expenses of the representatives are to be borne by their respective clubs.
20. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players, interpretations of rules or laws, as well as other matters in dispute, except where specifically provided for, shall be referred to the County Association whose decision shall be final.
21. The dimensions of the field of play for Senior Club shall be:

Maximum length 120 metres, minimum length 90 metres, maximum breadth 90 metres, minimum breadth 45 metres. The touch and goal lines and all other necessary lines and circles shall be clearly defined. Goal nets must be used and both the goal and touch lines roped off where possible. All Clubs must have technical areas, preferably around each dug-out, the size of which will be determined by the ground layout. They should be clearly marked in whitelining and are for the official dug-out party of Team Manager, Assistant Manager/Coach, Physio and a maximum of five named substitutes only. All shall remain in the technical area with only the Physio for treatment and the Substitutes for warm up leaving the area during play.
22. When the winners of the Cup shall have been ascertained, the Chief Executive of the C.C.F.A. shall hand over the Cup to such winners on their subscribing a document to the following effect. We, A.B., the Secretary of the Club, and C.D., E.F., G.H., members of and representing

the said Club, having been declared the winners of the Association Cup, and the same having been delivered to us by J.K., the Chief Executive of the Association, do hereby, on behalf of the said Club and individually, and collectively, engage to return the same to the said J.K., or Chief Executive of the Association, when called upon to do so, in good order and condition and in accordance with the conditions of the annexed Rules to which we have also subscribed our respective names.

23. The Chief Executive of the CCFA, shall be to all intents and purposes the legal holder of the Cup in trust of the CCFA to whom all cups shall be returned by 31st January failing which a fine shall be incurred.
24. No club shall, without the consent of the County Association, be allowed to withdraw from the competition and the County Association shall have power to penalise any Club as they deem necessary for the infringement of this Rule.
25. In the event of two Clubs having similar playing colours the visiting team shall change. In the semi-final stages both Clubs shall change unless mutually agreed and confirmation of changes sent by all clubs to the Chief Executive. No player including the goalkeeper shall be permitted to wear black or very dark colours. Any player not wearing his Club colours shall be subject to a fine. This does not apply to the acting goalkeeper.
26. For the semi-final and final ties competing Clubs must send to each other and to the Chief Executive the surnames and forenames of their intended team (together with substitutes, not more than 16 in all) seven CLEAR days prior to the match subject to a fine of £10. All protests as to eligibility of players (or any other cause not provided for in these Rules) shall be lodged with the Chief Executive three days prior to the match.
27. A Club may at its discretion use substitute Players at any time in a Competition match, except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitution can only be made when the play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. Substitutes will only be permitted in accordance with the Rules of the Senior Cup Competition, and shall be restricted to three in number

chosen from a maximum of five, all of whom must be nominated to the referee before the match.

28. The County Association shall have the power to inflict fines upon Clubs in the case of breaches of the Rules, and if necessary to order matches to be replayed except where otherwise provided for.
29. From the profits of the County Competitions the County Association may in their absolute discretion make grants to the competing finalists.
30. The County Association shall have the power to alter or add to the above rules as they from time to time may deem expedient, but such alterations shall be notified to all Clubs in membership not later than the date of the Annual General Meeting.
31. The County Association shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in the Rules regulating the competition.

NOTE: The County Association recognises the following as being Senior Leagues: Western League, South West Peninsula League, Cornwall Combination League, East Cornwall Premier League, North Devon League Premier Division, Plymouth and West Devon Combination League Premier Division.